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## STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

The N. Stonestreet Avenue and Park Road corner is the welcome area to Rockville's east side. Both streets are also primary links to and from the Rockville Metro station. At the kick-off meeting, participants identified N. Stonestreet Avenue and Park Road as priority areas for improvements within the Study area.

## NORTH STONESTREET AVENUE (from Park Road to Lincoln Ave)

At the October 24, 2017 community meeting, participants were asked to rate their preference for a set of potential improvements to N. Stonestreet Ave. The top preferences were better **street lighting**, improved **street trees and landscaping**, and having **sidewalks on both sides** of the street. Bike lanes and street parking had less support but still garnered interest. Input received at the community meetings will help inform a proposal for improvements.

## **DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Survey the ROW and design an alignment for the roadway that includes sidewalks on both sides of the street, improved street lighting, and landscaping.
- 2. Recommend the project's inclusion in the City's next Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to design the final street alignment.
- 3. Enhance N. Stonestreet as an active, walkable, and bikeable street for residents, businesses, and business patrons.
  - Widen and improve the existing sidewalk on the east side of the corridor. If full reconstruction is not feasible, widen the sidewalk to at least 5 feet (6 feet is preferred).
  - Install a sidewalk on the west side of the corridor, with a planting strip and street trees between the street and the sidewalk.
  - Improve street lighting, with particular focus near the intersection of N. Stonestreet Ave. and Park Road.
  - Add street trees, with a priority on the block between Park Road and England Terrace.
  - If there is space in the ROW, consider installing a protected bike lane to serve residents. At minimum, maintain the existing "sharrows" on both travel lanes.
  - Ensure that any proposal to eliminate on-street parking on one side of the street does not have a significantly negative impact on adjacent businesses.
  - Explore opportunities to bury the existing above-ground utility lines.







